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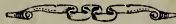
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PREFACE.



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ESPECT for and a laudable curiosity to know something of one's ancestry, are well rewarded when upon due search they are found of such varied station and interest as are those whose record is briefly given in the following pages.

Among the descendants of the Sharps of Bradford in Yorkshire, England, were Dr. John Sharp, Archbishop of York; his son Thomas, born 1693, Archdeacon of Northumberland, and Granville Sharp, son of the Archdeacon, famous as having been the principal promoter of the abolition of slavery in the West Indies; James Sharpe, Archbishop of St. Andrews, born in Banffshire in 1618; and Abraham Sharp, a famous mathematician, born at Little Horton in 1651. On the American side of the Atlantic the same predilection for Theology seem to attach to the family name. We here only name Rev. Samuel Sharp of Boston, Rev. Solomon Sharp of Maryland, Rev. Daniel Sharp of Missouri, and Rev. James M. Sharp of South Carolina. In quite a different field was Col. Benn Sharp of Missouri, and others who will be mentioned hereafter. The work is incomplete, yet puts in convenient form the material which has been accumulating for some years, hoping that in a future edition that which is now lacking may be supplied. The preparation of the following pages has been facilitated by reference to the Life of Dr. John Sharp, published in London in 1825; Life of Granville Sharp, published in London in 1828; Young's Chronicles of Massachusetts; Winthrop's New England; Colonial Records of Connecticut; General Dictionary of New England; Geneological Journal; various Town and Probate Records; Family Records, etc. The family name has been spelled either with or without the "e" according to the custom of each individual referred to.

Thomas and Samuel Sharpe of Boston.



Thomas Sharpe, born in England about 1580, was appointed assistant to Endicott, the new Governor of Massachusetts, in 1629. He sailed from London on the *Arabella* in the fleet with Winship, and was present at the court held on the *Arabella* March 23rd, 1629. He was the sixth member of the Boston Church.

He filled his office of Assistant to the Governor, as it was then termed, and member of the Council of Massachusetts Colony without interruption until personal misfortunes caused him to long to return to the land of his nativity.

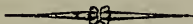
These were the death of his daughter, January 30th, 1631, and the burning of his house March 17th by the Indians.

He embarked at Salem with Sir Richard Saltonstall and family on board the *Lions Whelp*, April 1st, 1631, and arrived in London April 30th.

Samuel Sharpe sailed from the *Hope*, a reach in the Thames,, just below Gravesend, in the *George Bonaventura*, and was the bearer of dispatches from the King, Charles I, to the Massachusetts Colony, containing instructions to Gov. Endicott and his Council. He arrived at Salem June 13th, 1629. He was "Ruling Elder" of the Church in Salem until his death in 1658.

Both Thomas and Samuel Sharpe are frequently mentioned in Winthrop's *New England*, Young's *Chronicles of Massachusetts*, *General Dictionary of New England*, *Genealogical Journal*, &c.

1 - THOMAS SHARP.



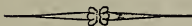
Thomas Sharp of Bradford, in the county of York married Dorothy, eldest daughter of Mr. John Weddal of Widdington, a younger branch of the Weddal's of Earswick, near York. Her mother was a daughter of the family of the Cutts in Cambridgeshire.

He was the second son of the owner of an estate called Woodhouse, near Bradford, being a younger branch of the Sharps of Little Horton, in the same neighbourhood: among whom there had been kept up, not only a succession of Thomas and John alternately for many generations, but, what was much more for their credit, a taste for letters and polite studies; for there were some among them who were considerable for their writings, in-somuch that, it was said to be rare to meet with so many of the learned authors so nearly allied.

The family of the Sharp's had been very ancient in Bradfordale; but all the writings (except some registers) by which any further knowledge of them might have been gained, were lost or destroyed at the taking of Bradford, in the civil wars.

He was not a little inclined to puritanism according to the temper of those times, and much favored the parliament party. He was in great favor with the Lord Fairfax, who made his headquarters at his house in Bradford, and showed him all the kindness, and did him all the service that he could. Among other expressions of his favor, his lordship offered him a commission, which probably he had accepted, had not his wife who was a strenuous royalist, with great difficulty persuaded him not to accept it. During these troublous times it was her particular care to instill her own principles of loyalty to the king and esteem for the liturgy into their children, with what effect is especially seen in the after rank and position of the eldest son John. He died in 1670.

2 - Dr. JOHN SHARP.



Dr. John Sharp, Archbishop of York, son of the preceeding, was born at Bradford, on Shrove Sunday, Feb. 16th, 1644. His early training instilled into his mind that reverence for the Supreme Being which determined the pursuit of his subsequent life. He was sent to the school at Bradford until fifteen, during which time he was instructed by his father in writing shorthand and made to repeat every Sunday in the evening all that had been delivered that day in the congregation, which gave him such a perfect knowledge of this manner of writing as was afterwards of great service to him.

At fifteen he had made such progress in learning as that his father determined to send him direct to the University. He was admitted to Christ's College in Cambridge April 26th, 1660, just before the restoration of the King. In his fourth college year he was made "Scholar of the House," and in 1667 he received his "Master's Degree." He entered Holy Orders August 12th, 1667, and was ordained Deacon and Priest the same day in St. Margarets, Westminster, by virtue of a faculty from the Archbishop of Canterbury, by the hands of Dr. Fuller, then Bishop of Limerick, afterwards of Lincoln. He was then appointed Chaplain and Instructor in the family of Sir. Heneage Finch, Solicitor General, then living in Kensington house.

In 1669 he was incorporated Master of Arts at Oxford. When twenty-eight years of age he was appointed by the King Archdeacon of Berks. He was instituted into the Rectory of St. Giles January 3d, 1676. The next spring he married Elizabeth Palmer, of Wintthrop, in Lincolnshire. In 1679 he received from the University of Oxford the degree of Doctor in Divinity. He continued Rector of St. Giles sixteen years, and of him during this time Bishop Burnett says "He was one of the most popular preachers of the age."

In 1681 King Charles appointed him Dean of Norwich. April 20, 1686 he was appointed Chaplain in ordinary to his Majesty. James II. About this time he lost two of his sons in two days and buried them the third. He was appointed to preach Sunday Jan. 27th, before King William III, and on the 30th, before the House of Commons. On September 7th, 1689 he was appointed Dean of Canterbury, and soon after the Bishopric of Norwich was offered him, which he declined, but he was soon nominated by the King Archbishop of York, and being duly elected was enthroned at York July 16th, and on October 5th, was introduced into the House of Lords. He was then forty-seven years of age and sat in the See of York over twenty-two years. During this time he compiled several works among which were — The lives and acts of the Archbishops from Paulinus, An. 625, and the History of York Minster. He had issue fourteen children; seven sons and seven daughters, of whom only two of each sex survived him. He died in 1713 and his body was interred at York in St. Mary's Chapel, where a sumptuous monument was erected.

3—JOHN SHARP.



JOHN SHARP, Esq., of Grafton Park, was the eldest son of Dr. John Sharp, Archbishop of York. He married Anna Maria, daughter of Charles and Mary Hosier, of Berwick, county of Salop.

He served his country and her Majesty Queen Ann in several Parliaments, and at the Board of Trade. He was elected to the House of Commons from the Borough of Ripon. He was a polite scholar, an accomplished gentleman, a most affectionate husband and father, a true friend, and a desirable companion. Beloved and esteemed by all who knew him, he died much lamented, at Grafton Park, March 9th, 1726, aged 49. He was buried in Wicken Church, Northamptonshire.

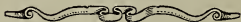
His wife, born Oct. 21st, 1691, died Sept. 30th, 1747.

His son, John Hosier Sharp, died Jan. 6th, 1734, aged 13 years.

His daughter Elizabeth married Thomas Prowse, Esq. of Axbridge, county of Somerset.

His daughter Mary married James Booth, Esq., of Whitfield, in Hertfordshire.

3—THOMAS SHARP, D. D.



THOMAS SHARP, D. D., Archdeacon of Northumberland, son of Dr. John Sharp, Archbishop of York, was born Dec. 12th, 1693.

He was married June 19th, 1722, to Judith, daughter of the Rev. Sir George Wheler, by whom he had fourteen children, among whom were, Dr. John Sharp, Granville, William, James, Elizabeth and Judith.

His life was published in London in 1829, in two volumes.

He died in 1758, and was buried in the West End of the Cathedral Church of Durham, in the chapel called the Gallilee, as was also his wife Judith, who was born in 1700, died 1757.

His daughter Elizabeth, married to George Prowse, Esq., of Wicken Park, died Feb. 22. 1810, aged 77.

He was eminent not only for Piety and Prudence, but great learning and critical judgement.

He distinguished himself in the Hutchinsonian controversy, in which his accurate knowledge of the Hebrew tongue gave him a decided advantage over Mr. Hutchinson and his followers. His Tract on the Rubric and Canons of the Church of England is highly esteemed, as indeed are all his Charges to the Clergy of Northumberland, over whom he presided many years as Archdeacon.

He was a Prebendary of the Cathedral and Collegiate Churches of York, Southwell and Durham, Rector of Rothbury, and one of Lord Crewe's Trustees.

4—JOHN SHARP, D. D.



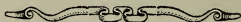
JOHN SHARP, D. D., eldest son of Thomas and Judith Sharp, was born March 21st, 1723. He was married Dec. 4th, 1752, to Mary, Daughter of Dr. Heneage Dering, Dean of Ripon, by whom he had one daughter, Anne Jemima. He was a Prebendary of Durham, Archdeacon of Northumberland, Vicar of Hartburn, and Senior Trustee of the Estates of the late Nathaniel Lord Crewe, Bishop of Durham, whose Charities he was indefatigable in promoting, having repaired and roofed the old ruined Tower of Bamburg Castle, at the joint expense of himself and his brother, the Rev. Thomas Sharp. He trod in the steps of his excellent father, and was eminent for learning and piety, and for exemplary attention to his duties, both in his Church and in his Archdeaconry.

He was appointed Curate of the Perpetual Curacy of Bamburg, on the death of his brother Thomas, 1772.

He died in April, 1792, and was buried in the Gallilee, as was also his widow Mary, born 1720, died 1798.

Anne Jemima, daughter of John Sharp (4), born 1762, died 1816.

4—GRANVILLE SHARP.



GRANVILLE SHARP, ninth son of the Rev. Thomas Sharp, D. D., Prebendary of the Cathedrals and Collegiate Churches of York, Southwell, and Durham, and Grandson of Dr. John Sharp, Archbishop of York. Born and Educated in the bosom of the Church of England, he ever cherished for her Institutions the most unshaken regard, while his whole soul was in harmony with the sacred strain—"Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, good will towards Men," on which his life presented one beautiful comment of glowing piety and unwearied beneficence. Freed by competence from necessity, and by content from the desire of lucrative occupation, he was incessant in his labors to improve the condition of Mankind, founding public happiness on public virtue he aimed to rescue his native country from the guilt and inconsistency of employing the arm of Freedom to rivet the fetters of Bondage, and established for the Negro Race, in the person of

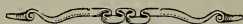
Somerset, the long disputed rights of Human Nature. Having, in this glorious cause, triumphed over the combined resistance of interest, prejudice, and pride, he took his post among the foremost of the honorable band associated to deliver Africa from the rapacity of Europe, by the abolition of the Slave Trade, nor was death permitted to interrupt his career of usefulness, till he had witnessed that act of the British Parliament, by which "the Abolition" was decreed. In his private relations he was equally exemplary; and having exhibited through his life, a model of disinterested virtue, he resigned his pious spirit into the hands of his Creator, in the exercise of Charity, and Faith, and Hope, on the 6th day of July, 1813, in the 78th year of his age.

The above was inscribed on a Mural Monument, erected to his memory by the African Institution of London, in Westminster Abbey.

On a bust of Granville Sharp, prepared by order of the Council of London, and placed in the Council Chamber at Guildhall, are the following words:

"Granville Sharp, to whom England owes the glorious verdict of her highest court of law, that the Slave who sets his foot on British ground becomes at that instant free. Born Nov. 10th, 1735. Died July 6th, 1813."

4—WILLIAM SHARP.



WILLIAM SHARP, Esq., of Fulham House, son of Thomas Sharp, D. D., Archdeacon of Northumberland, was an eminent Surgeon. He married Catharine, daughter of Thomas Barwick, Esq., who died Feb. 9th, 1814, aged 73 years.

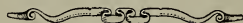
William Sharp died March 17. 1810, aged 81 years.

5 - MARY, daughter of William Sharp, married Lloyd Baker, Esq., of of Hardwick, Gloucestershire, and left a son and two daughters.

4 - Elizabeth Prowse of Wicken Park, Northamptonshire, daughter of Thomas Sharp, (3), died Feb. 23, 1810, aged 77.

4 - Judith Sharp, daughter of Thomas and Judith Sharp, born 1733, died 1809.

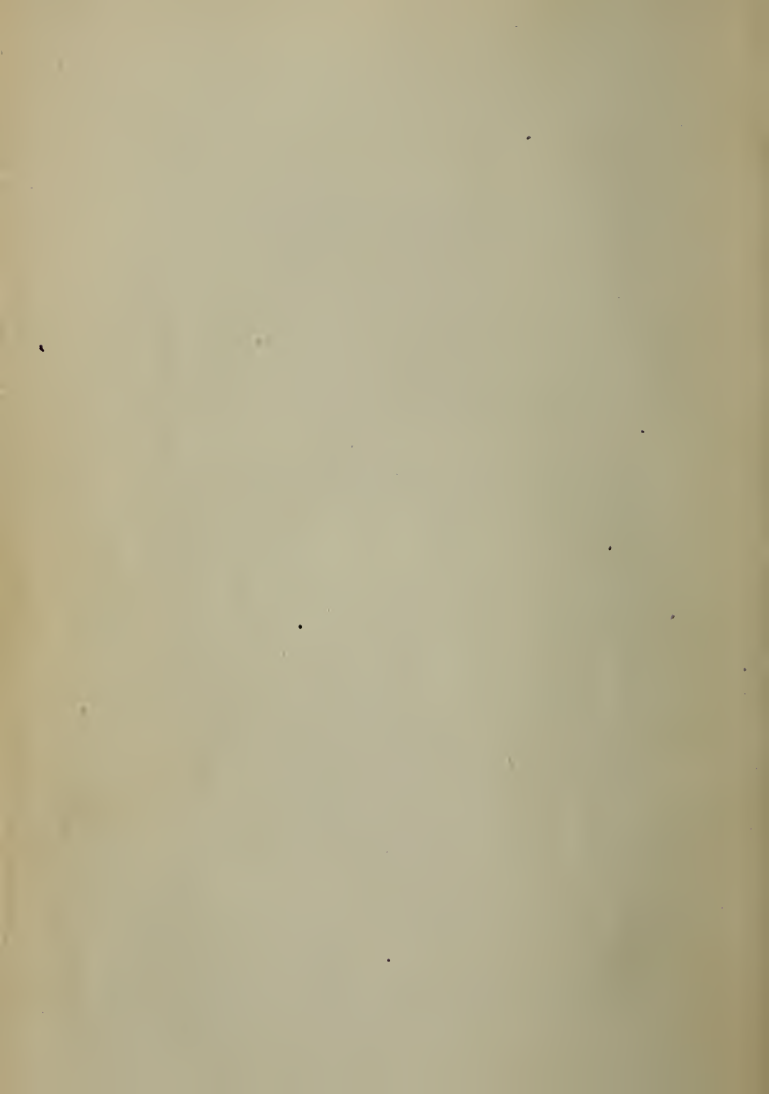
4—THOMAS SHARP.



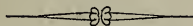
THOMAS SHARP, D. D., son of Thomas and Judith Sharp, was Curate of Bamborough until his death, Nov. 25th, 1772.

JAMES SHARP, (4), of Clare Hall, was the son of Thomas and Judith Sharp.

His daughter Catharine, married Rev. Andrew Boulton of Bamborough, in Northumberland.



THOMAS SHARP of Stratford.



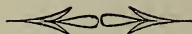
Thomas Sharp, a native of England, born about 1680, emigrated to Stratford about 1700. In 1701 he married Lydia Dickinson of Stratford. In 1708 he was one of 36 petitioners to whom the township of Newtown was granted on condition that they settle there within four years and remain four years, but the number of proprietors was subsequently increased to 48. He soon sold the extensive lands he had purchased in Stratford and removed with his family to Newtown. At a town meeting Sept. 4th, 1711, Ebenezer Prindle and Thomas Sharp were appointed Surveyors of Highway for the year ensuing. By the several divisions of pcts of land during two or three years following he and his heirs acquired several hundred acres of land, the larger part of the township being still unsurveyed and undivided.

He died in 1712, leaving five children.

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| (b) | Thomas, | born | Mar. 18th, | 1702; |
| | Mary, | " | Oct. 10th, | 1703; |
| | William, | " | Aug, 19th, | 1705; |
| | John, | " | Feb. 1st, | 1708; |
| | Elizabeth, | " | Apr. 18th, | 1712. |

His wife Lydia survived him about forty years.

THOMAS SHARP of Newtown.



Thomas Sharp, (*b*) son of Thomas and Lydia Sharp, was born in Stratford, Mar. 18th, 1702, and was therefore at the time of his father's death in Newtown but ten years of age. Advantage was taken of this to deprive the family of a considerable portion of their rights as heirs of one of the original proprietors of Newtown. As late as Dec. 15th, 1751, a protest is on the town records by the widow Lydia Sharp, showing the course taken.

He married Sarah Coser Feb. 17th, 1745. His children were :

(<i>c</i>)	Thomas,	born	May 28th,	1746 ;
	Lydia,	"	Dec. 16th,	1748 ;
	John,	"	Nov. 12th,	1750 ;
	Eliakim,	"	Dec. 5th,	1752 ;
	Jesse,	"	Jan. 30th,	1755 ;
	Sarah,	"	Mar. 25th,	1760.

Thomas Sharp, (*b*) died April 17th, 1765, aged 63 years.

THOMAS SHARP of Oxford.



Thomas Sharp, (*c*) son of Thomas and Sarah Sharp, was born in Newtown in 1746. He married Mary Treadwell, and removed to Ridgefield and afterward to Oxford. His children were:

(*d*) Polly, born June 30th, 1771; married Stephen Galpin, died Oct. 30th, 1851.

Lydia, born Apr. 18th, 1774; died Jan. 28, 1778.

Floranna, born Feb. 20th, 1778; married Corydon Kelsie of Vermont, died in the fall of 1841.

Mary Ann, born July 11th, 1781; married Joseph Thompson of West Haven, died Mar. 23, 1765.

Amy, born July 11th, 1783; married Sherwood Stratton of Bridgeport, died Aug. 6th, 1843.

Daniel, born April 22nd, 1785; married Polly Bennett, died Mar. 28th, 1870.

Philander, born Mar. 24th, 1787; married Sarah Davis, died April 30th, 1859.

Henry, born Oct. 7th, 1789; married Polly Sherman, died Oct. 27th, 1823.

Hannah, born Dec. 7, 1791, died May 20, 1820.

Abia, born Dec. 7, 1791, died June 28, 1817.

Lugrand, born June 1, 1797. See page 21.

Thomas Sharp, (*c*) died in Oxford, near Zoar Bridge, March 14th, 1805.

John Sharp, (c) enlisted in the British army in 1776, and died about ten months after in Harlem meeting-house, which was then used as a hospital.

Eliakim Sharp, (c) married Hester Wetmore, Nov. 25th, 1773. Their children were .

(d) Esther, born Sept. 16th, 1756, died March, 1839.

Andrew, born Aug. 17, 1775, died Nov. 26, 1790.

Betsey, born Nov. 5, 1776, mar. Burr Tomlinson.

Mabel, born Oct. 11, 1779.

Ruth Ann, born June 10, 1784.

Lydia Ann, born March 22, 1788, died Feb. 7, 1817.

Mary, born Oct. 18, 1789.

John W., born Aug. 10, 1791, died Nov. 7, 1815.

Annice, born Aug. 10, 1791.

John died in Liverpool, England, and was buried in St. John's Churchyard.

Lydia Ann was buried in Huntington.

Annice married John W. Robert, and removed to Ohio.

Jesse Sharp, (c) born Jan. 30th, 1755, had children—

(d) Sally, married ——— Yale.

John, born 1690, married Kate Dawson, who died at the age of 35. John died Oct. 27, 1825.

William, married the daughter of Moses Beardsley.

Lydia, married William Dart.

Nancy, married ——— Dart, brother to William.

Hepsey, married ——— Scoville. *Marking*

David, went to sea while young and never returned.

Lugrand Sharpe, son of Thomas and Mary Sharpe, was born in Ridgefield, June 1st, 1797. He was married to Olive M. Booth, daughter of Ebenezer and Anna Booth of Southford, Sept. 28th, 1823, by Rev. Laban Clark. He purchased a homestead in Southford, where he lived until April, 1843, when he removed to Seymour. His children were—

Mary Ann, married John James of Ansonia.

Olive Maria, married Albert W. Lounsbury of Oxford.

Elizabeth, married Rev. Walter Chamberlin of the Newark Conference.

Henry, died in infancy, (aged 14 months & 15 days.)

John Wesley, died in Seymour, aged 16.

Thomas, married Lottie McLain.

Daniel Smith, died in Seymour, in his 13th year.

William Carvosso, married Vinie A. Lewis of Monroe.

Andrew Benedict, died in infancy, (in his 2nd year.)

David Watson, married Emily Lewis of Monroe.

Olive M. Sharpe died March 8th, 1864, aged 49 years, 7 months and 8 days.

“Gone before us, dearest mother,

To the spirit land!

Vainly look we for another

In thy place to stand.

Not lost to memory or lost to love,

But gone to our father's house above;

She sleeps in Jesus, but shall soon arise

To claim, through him, her mansion in the skies.”

Polly Sharp, married Stephen Galpin, and had children—Stephen, Curtiss, Polly, Maria and Leman.

Mary Ann Sharp, married Joseph Thompson of West Haven. Their children were Fanny, Cynthia, Louisa, Jedhuthun, Charles, George, Lucinda, Joseph and Jane.

Daniel Sharp, son of Thomas and Mary Sharp, was born April 22nd, 1785. He married Polly Bennett, by whom he had Sherman Judson, and Legrand Thomas.

Polly Sharp died Feb. 10th, 1858.

Daniel Sharp died Mar. 28th, 1870.

Philander Sharp, married Sarah Davis. Her children were Sarah, Eugene, George, Alfred and Mary. He died April 30th, 1859.

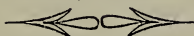
Henry Sharp, married Polly Sherman and had children—

Urzelia, married Thomas Clingham ;

Henrietta, married William Wakeman ;

Walker.

S T R A T T O N .



Amy Sharp, daughter of Thomas and Mary Sharp, married Sherwood Stratton. Their children were :

Legrand,

Sherwood, married Cynthia Thompson, daughter of Mary Ann Sharp and Joseph Thompson of West Haven, and had children, Jane, Elizabeth, and Charles S., alias Tom Thumb.

Laurena, married Shelton B. Stratton, had children Charles, Shelton B. and Francis, who married Daniel Bostwick.

Lossana, married Elijah Peet.

Henry,

Daniel.

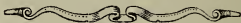


John Sharp, son of Thomas and Sarah Sharp, married Phedina Lake, Nov. 23, 1773. Their children were :

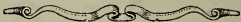
Lucy, born Oct. 11th, 1773 ;

Rena, born Aug, 4th, 1776.

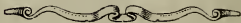
Rev. Daniel Sharpe, D. D., was born in Huttersfield, Yorkshire Co., Eng., Dec. 25th, 1783, emigrated to America, and was pastor of the Charles St. Baptist Church and Society, Boston, from Apr. 29, 1812 to the time of his death, which occurred June 23, 1853, in the 70th year of his age, while at Stoneleigh, near Baltimore, Maryland. His remains were interred in Chapel Avenue. corner Hyacinth Path, Mount Auburn Cemetery.



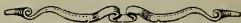
Rev. Solomon Sharpe, was received as a Methodist Minister in 1793, and preached forty years at various stations in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware.



Rev. David Sharpe, of the Missouri Conference of the M. E. Church was Presiding Elder of several districts.



Rev. James M. Sharpe, was stationed at Oakmulgie, South Carolina, in 1813.



Rev. James C. Sharpe, was stationed at Saltketcher the same year.

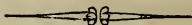
Soldiers in the War of the Rebellion.

Col. Benn Sharpe of Danville, Missouri, son of John D. Sharpe, was a native of Lee County, Virginia, born April 10th, 1828. After acquiring a very liberal education he commenced the study of law under his father. Upon finishing his course of study in his father's office he spent two years at West Point. He married Miss Mary E. Rebeck, and in 1844 removed to Missouri. In 1853 he was elected Senator. When the rebellion assumed so bold a front in Missouri, Col. Sharpe resolved to devote himself for the preservation of the Union, but while performing an act of kindness for a brother officer he was cruelly assassinated by a minion of the slavocracy. His motto was "*Jaris præcepta sunt hæc honeste, alterum non lædere, suum cuique tribuere,*" Justinian.

Albert W. Lounsbury, married Olive Maria Sharpe, enlisted in the 20th Conn. Volunteers, Aug. 9th, 1862, and served till the close of the war. He was taken prisoner at Chancellorsville and taken to Libby prison at Richmond, but was soon paroled. In about nine months he was exchanged and rejoined his regiment in Tennessee, and was with General Sherman in his celebrated "march to the sea."

David W. Sharpe, son of Lugrand Sharpe of Seymour, Ct., in 1861 enrolled himself as a volunteer in Company B, 1st Conn. Artillery, in which he served "during the war," re-enlisting when his three years term had nearly expired. He served under McClellan and Grant and was in the battles of Yorktown, Chickahominy, Fredericksburg, Wilderness, Dutch Gap, &c.

William Sharpe of Pecksburg, Indiana, enlisted in August, 1862, and served during the war.



James Sharpe, Archbishop of St. Andrews, was born in Banffshire, Eng., in 1618.

Abraham Sharpe, was born at Little Horton, near Little Bradford in 1651. He was an eminent mathematician. Died July 18th, 1742.

Richard Sharpe embarked for Virginia July 4th, 1635, in the Transport of London.

Robert Sharpe embarked for Virginia July 27th, 1635, in the Primrose. He was then 21 years of age.

John Sharpe was born Dec. 1, 1642.

Richard Sharpe was recorded a freeman Oct. 7th, 1764. (The four above of Boston, Mass.)

Peter Sharpe was a member of Assembly for Sussex Co., New Jersey, from 1793 to 1797, and Joseph Sharpe in 1800, 1804, 1805 and 1810 to 1815.

Jacob Sharpe of Sussex Co., N. J., was born in 1776, died Dec. 31st, 1856, aged 79½ years.

Sarah, daughter of Thomas Sharpe of Newtown, married John Blake Vose, a soldier in the patriot army during the American Revolution. At the time of obtaining his pension was living in Bridgeport.

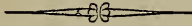
Rev. Charles W. Sharpe, son of Sherman J. Sharpe, graduate of Yale in 1859.

William Sharpe was Deputy for Pomfrett to the General Assembly of Connecticut in 1722 and 1725.

Thomas Sharpe, son of Lugrand Sharpe, carpenter and builder in Macon and Forsyth, Ga., 1855 to 1861, and in Seymour 1861 *et seq.*

Wm. C. Sharpe, teacher from 1857 to 1867 and printer in Seymour 1868 *et seq.*

David W. Sharpe, Bridge-master on the Derby and New Haven R. R. 1873, *et seq.*



New York City.

Jacob Sharpe, m. Maria Bommer, Nov. 2, 1728.

Daniel Sharpe, m. Rachel Van Nord, Mar. 30, 1758.

Jacob Sharpe, m. Frances Shaats, Feb. 14, 1760.

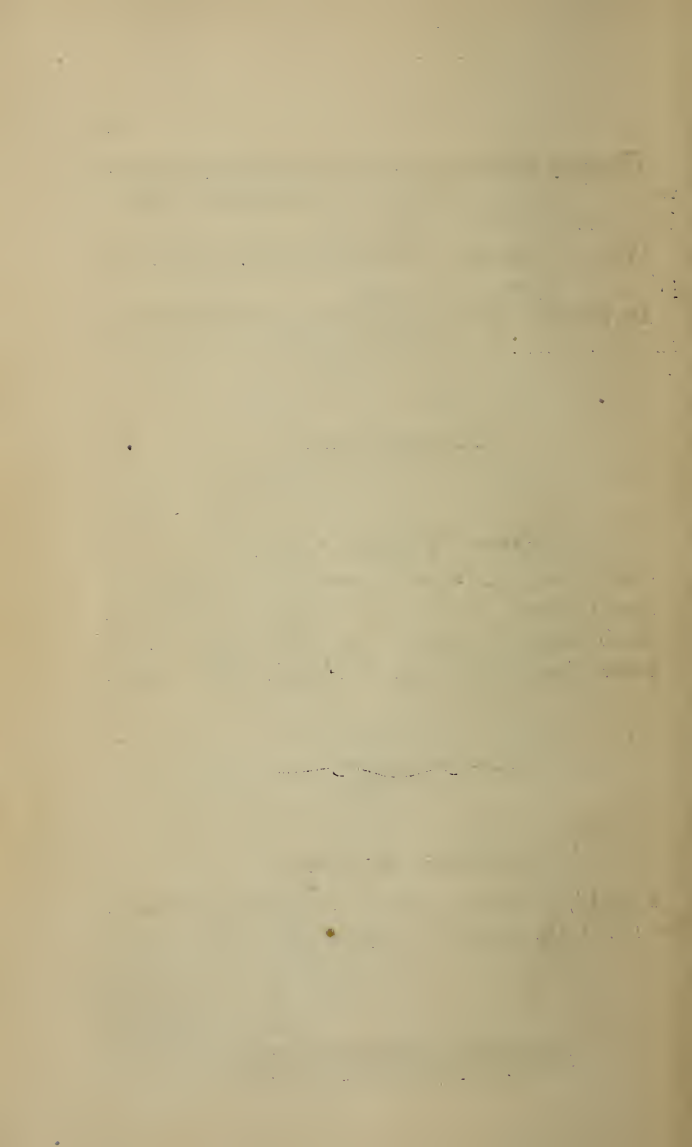
Peter Sharpe, Alderman, 2nd Ward, 1831, 2 and 3.



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See life of Dr. John Sharpe, pages 252 and 266.





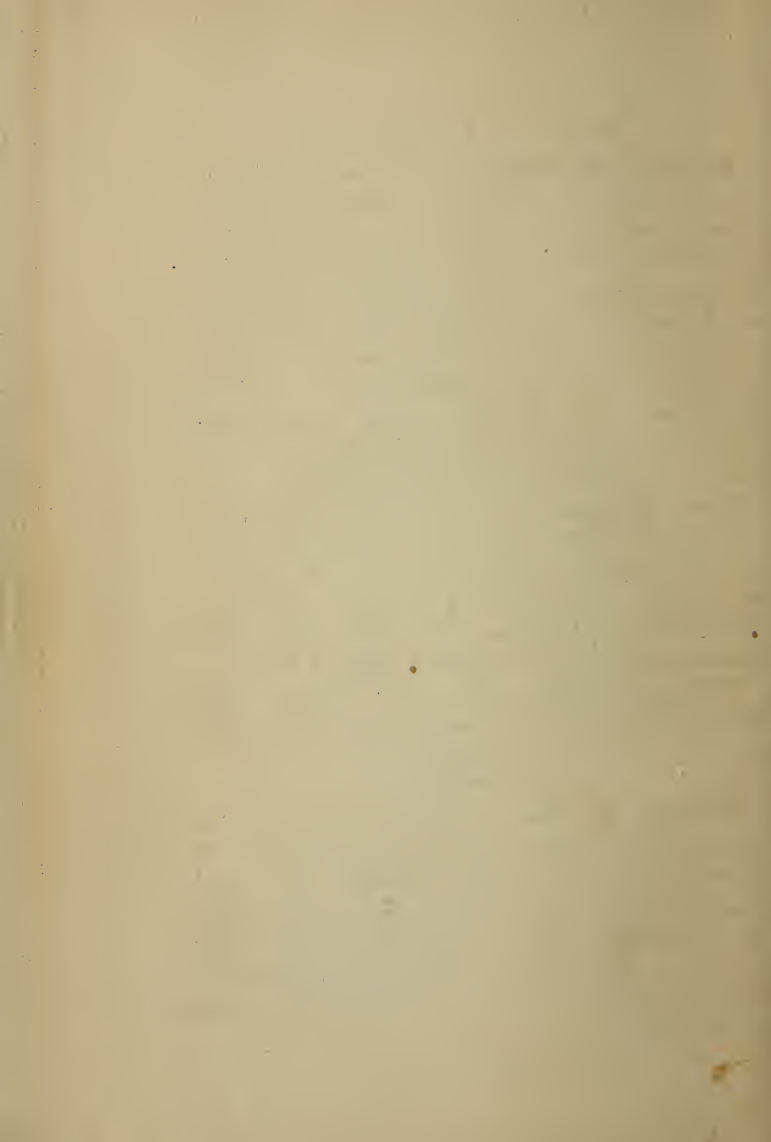
Members of Congress.

Solomon P. Sharp,—He was born in Virginia, but removed to Kentucky when a child; he received a limited education, but studied law, and was admitted to the bar when nineteen years of age, and was successful; he served a number of years in the State Legislature; was Attorney-General of the State; and a Representative in Congress, from Kentucky, from 1813 to 1817. He fell by the hand of an assassin, while a member of the Legislature, in November, 1835, aged fifty-five years; and a legislative reward of \$3,000, for the arrest of the murderer, was offered, but in vain.

Peter Sharpe.—He was a member of the Assembly of New York from 1814 to 1820, officiating a number of sessions as Speaker; he was also a member of the "State Constitutional Convention" of 1821; a Representative in Congress, from 1823 to 1825; and a member of the "Tariff Convention" held in 1827.

William Sharpe.—He was a Delegate, from North Carolina, to the Continental Congress, from 1779 to 1782.

William S. Sharp of Salem, N. J., was in 1860 appointed Deputy Quarter-master General, U. S. A., with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. For several years subsequent to the war he was editor and publisher of the "National Standard," Salem, N. J., and in 1874 commenced the publication of the "Public Opinion," daily and weekly, at Trenton, N. J., in company with E. W. Sharp.



STRATTON.

SHERWOOD, son of Thomas Stratton, married Martha Edwards and lived to the age of 96.

CHILDREN.

SETH SHERWOOD, married Amy, daughter of Thomas and Mary Sharp.

EUNICE, married Gershom Porter of Easton.

CHILDREN—Granville, married Margaret Dutcher.

Stratton, married Caroline Dutcher.

SAMUEL EDWARD, married Betsey Rowell.

CHILDREN—Shelton B., Samuel E., George S., Mary Ann, married John Beach.

Children of Seth Sherwood Stratton.

SETH LEGRAND, married Nancy Stetson of Boston.

CHILDREN—Joan, Nancy and Jane died young.

Augusta, married Marks of Stratford.

Adaline, married Maria Hinman.

Legrand, married Hubbell.

George, was in the army; and John.

SHERWOOD EDWARD, married Cynthia Thompson, daughter of Joseph and Mary Ann* Thompson of West Haven.

CHILDREN—Jane, Elizabeth, Charles S., alias Tom Thumb, and William.

LAURENA, married Shelton B. Stratton.

CHILDREN—Charles T., Shelton B.; and Francis, married Daniel Boswick.

LOSSENA, married Elijah Peet.

CHILDREN—Laura Ann, married — Beach; Harriet Lossena, married Lemuel Sherman; Jane Eliza, married Elihu Taylor of Easton.

DANIEL, married Susan Curtiss of Stratford.

CHILDREN—Elizabeth, married Frank Booth of Stratford.

CHILDREN—Freddie, Susan, Flora.

Edward Curtis.

HENRY T., married Caroline Mills of Westport, died Nov. 29, 1874.

CHILDREN—Antoinette Amelia, married Benjamin Anson Fields; Frederick Thomas, Emma Caroline, Alice Louisa, Frank Sherwood.

* Daughter of Thomas and Mary Sharp.

LUGRAND SHARP.

IN MEMORIAM.

Lugrand Sharp, son of Thomas and Mary Sharp, was born in Ridgefield, Ct., June 1st, 1797. He was a great-grand-son of Thomas Sharp of Newtown, one of the original proprietors and a surveyor of the township of Newtown, by a grant of the legislature in 1708. His father died when he was but eight years of age, after purchasing land on the east side of the Housatonic near what is now known as Zoar and commencing to build a house which is still standing. He learned the trade of shoemaking with Nathaniel Betts of Middle Quarter, Woodbury, and during the time saved money with which he afterward paid expenses while at school. In the practice of his trade during the years ensuing, according to the custom of the time, he went from house to house, remaining a few weeks at each place and making up shoes for the year. Many in Southbury and adjoining towns will remember him in those early days.

He was converted in 1811 and from that time he was a zealous worker in the cause he had espoused. In 1821 he bought of Nathan Harris of Southford the lot on which the Abbott mansion now stands, with the house in the rear and a few acres of land, renting it to Nathan Lake, until his marriage in 1823 to Olive M. Booth, daughter of Ebenezer Booth, cabinet maker, who built the house now owned by Mr. Cutts and also the dam and factory on the opposite side of the road. He was an earnest laborer in

the Methodist Society formed at Southford, of which Rev. Samuel Hickox of Seymour was the first pastor. A union meeting-house was soon built and a class formed at Quaker Farms, of which he was the first leader. His house was always open to the hard-working itinerant preachers of those days and he continued to be one of the most active members of the Southford church until 1843, when he sold out and came to Humphreysville, afterwards Seymour. In 1849 he built the house which he occupied until his death. He was for several years superintendent of the Sunday school, and since then an active member of it until within two or three years. Always economical in his habits, he was able to give his children good educational advantages and contribute liberally to such benevolent and religious purposes received his approval. During the last nine years of his life he gave over \$1500.00 for the Missionary Cause beside what he gave to local religious institutions.

His last years were literally and fully devoted to the service of the Lord, and when his last sickness came he felt that his work was done and he waited in patience for the Master's call. It was his urgent desire that his funeral should be attended without unnecessary display. Considering that life was given but to prepare for eternity, he never indulged in trifling conversation, but—always grave and sedate—he yet died with a smile upon his face, no doubt at sight of the angels who came to bear him home.

“Servant of God, well done!
 Rest from thy loved employ!
 The battle fought, the victory won,
 Enter thy Master's joy.”

From the New York Christian Advocate.

Lugrand Sharp, of Seymour, Conn.

A noble life was ended a few weeks ago in the town of Seymour, Conn., when Father Lugrand Sharp of our Church, in that place, fell asleep in Jesus. For six-five years he was a member of the Methodist Church, having joined the society in those dark days when Dr. Emmons and other eminent New England divines were cautioning their parishioners to beware of the Methodists, for they were wolves in sheep's clothing. All that is changed now. The whirligig of time brings about its revenges, and to day the "wolves" are confessed to be lovers of their kind, of their country, and of their country's God.

Father Sharp was born in Ridgefield in 1797. He came of a sturdy stock, old New Englanders, inured to hard work, and proud of their ability to earn their bread in the sweat of their brow.

His life was typical of Methodism. At an early age he was an orphan and poor, but by dint of honest work, economy and perseverance, he attained a competency, and always had something to give away.

Converted at the age of fourteen, he at once began to pray and labor in the social meetings; and though laughed at for his youth and zeal, and sometimes for his blunders, yet he kept on working for Jesus through fifty-five long years. In Southford, where he "seemed to be a pillar" in the little Methodist society, he was class leader, steward, and Sunday school superintendent.

Often Brother Sharp and one or more of his children would constitute the entire week night prayer meeting, till at last, in answer to many prayers, an extensive revival swept the town, and a meeting house was built. His house was, of course, the itinerant's home, where the Methodist preacher was always honored as an ambassador of God, and was welcome; and, as in many other like cases, one of the children is now in the itinerancy, and others are faithful servants of Methodism.

In 1843 he removed to Seymour, where he resumed his labors for his Master, and was "faithful unto death."

In a singular degree Father Sharp combined practical conscientiousness and integrity with an intense spirituality. Moral men are often unspiritual, and spiritual men are sometimes defective in conduct, but Father Sharp was at once righteous and devout. He had the keenest sense of justice, and all who knew him felt that he walked with God.

Like many others of the fathers of Methodism, he was mighty in prayer. When he began to wrestle with God in the old Seymour basement we all felt that it was time to prepare for a blessing, for God was on the giving hand. And his faith was shown by his works. During the last nine years of his life, though a poor man, he gave over \$1,500 to the Missionary Society of our Church, besides what he gave to other departments of Christian work, every cent of which he earned by hard toil at his bench as a shoemaker.

He would work and save till \$100 was accumulated, and then send it to the secretary in New York. Few things are more touching than the dear old man's solicitude to make up the last hundred. Sickness had come upon him, and great physical suffering, but yet he toiled on at the bench, living frugally, and saving, almost literally, every penny that he received, in order to get another hundred for the heathen. It was not God's will, and with a sad heart he said at last to his daughter, "I must give over; I can't make it up." Brave old man! though dead he will still live in many lives made more beautiful by his example and his deeds.

JOSEPH PULLMAN.

